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The Honorable William Casey
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Dear Mr. Casey:

The Human Resources Subcommittee is presently conducting a legislative oversight investigation into the implementation of the Ethics in Government Act of 1978. In particular, the Subcommittee is focusing on the events surrounding the possible unauthorized transfer of information from the Carter Administration to the Reagan-Bush Campaign. As such a transfer could have involved Federal employees acting in their official capacities, it is of great concern to this Subcommittee, with jurisdiction over the ethics programs in government, that the ethics law be as strong as is necessary to discourage such unethical behavior, while not serving as a deterrent for the recruitment of dedicated public servants.

In order to conduct our inquiry into the potentially unauthorized transfer of materials and information from the Carter Administration to the Reagan campaign, the Subcommittee must review files which it has reason to believe may contain such information or material. As you may know, on July 29, 1983, the Subcommittee was granted access to certain files at the Reagan collection located at the Hoover Institution. Included in the files searched are the files of certain individuals involved in the 1980 Reagan campaign.

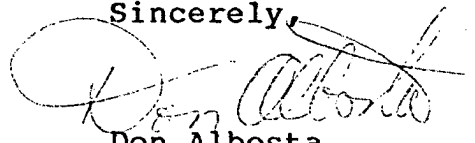
Upon our initial search at Hoover, it became evident that many officials of the Reagan campaign retained their own files, as opposed to sending them to the Archivist at Hoover. It is also our understanding that your complete campaign files are not located at Hoover.

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Because of your role in the Reagan campaign, I would like to request that you provide the Subcommittee with access to your files from the 1980 Presidential campaign. I want to assure you at this point that it is the Subcommittee's intention to examine only documents deemed relevant to our investigation. After a cursory glance, if a document is determined irrelevant, the investigators will promptly move on in their review. Likewise, you have my personal assurance that the Subcommittee investigators will only copy those documents deemed relevant to this oversight investigation.

I hope you can respond to this request within five days, as the Subcommittee wishes to complete its work as quickly as possible.

Sincerely,



Don Albosta
Chairman

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